Quota for Promotces for Induction in IES

2433. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether any quota has been fixed for promotees for induction in the Indian Economic Service;

(b) how many promotee officers have been inducted, batchwise, against this quota, in the IES during the last three years;

(c) the number of direct recruits inducted in the IES during the last three years and the number of promotions made against each batch of direct recruit;

-(d) if the promotees have not been given due representation against direct recruits the reasons thereof; and

(e) by what time the promotee quota will be filled up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR): (a) Yes Sir. As per the recruitment rules of the Indian Economic Service (IES), 40% of the vacancies at the Junior Time Scale (JTS) level are to be filled by selection from among the officers recognised as feeder cadre.

(b) and (c)

Year	No of candidates selected to IES by direct recruitment
1994	Nil
1995	25
1996	25

Though no regular induction of promotees to Junior Time Scale level of IES have taken place during the last 3 years, 55 feeder post holders (Promotees) were promoted to the JTS level posts of IES with effect from 20th June, 1994 on ad-hoc basis and all of them, except those retired, are continuing since then.

(d) and (e) There has been delay in induction of feeder post holders.to JTS level post of IES on a regular basis due to some dispute with regard to their interse seniority. The regular induction of the feeder post' holders into IES wil be done after the finalisation of the seniority list and on the basis of the recommendations of the Departmental Promotion Committee chaired by the Union Public Service Commission.

Criteria for Approving Import Applications by Customs Department

2434. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria for approving the import applications by Customs Department;

(b) whether it is a fact that h'itech machinery imported by Titan Industries Ltd., is lying uncleared at Madras Port pending approval of import application by Customs Department, if so, the details thereof, and

(c) what compensation provide Government would to the company for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR): (a) Import application for EPCG licences are processed by the licensing authority i.e. DGFT as per procedure set out in Chapter VI of Handbook of procedures Volume—I published by Ministry of Commerce and not by the Customs Department. However, the licences are issued with due concurrence of Department of Revenue. In cases involving CIF value of licences more than Rs. 20 crores, the concurrence is given after verification of the antecedents of the applicant.

(b) It has been reported that one consignment of machinery arrived at Chennai port in November 1996 and another consignment of machinery ar-

rived at Chennai Airport in February 1997 imported by M/s. Titan Industries Ltd., are pending clearance. No clearance documents for clearing these goods through Customs have been filed by the importers so far.

(c) In view of (b) above, does not arise.

Expansion of Banking Services in Rural Areas of Assam, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan

2435. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to expand banking services in rural areas of the country, Particularly in Assam, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof. State-wise; and

(c) the places in rural areas, particularly Assam, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan where new branches of nationalised banks are likely to be opened, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.P. VEER&NDRA KUMAR): (a) to (c) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) have reported that it is left to the judgement of the individual banks to assess the need for opening additional branches at rural centres within their service area. The banks' proposals for opening branches at rural centres. Falling within the service area of the applicant banks are to be submitted to the Reserve Bank of India through the concerned State Government.

State-wise details of authorisations issued to nationalised banks for opening branches in rural areas, during the period .1.4.1995 to 31.1.1997 and which are yet to be opened, as per information available with the Reserve Bank of India, are furnished in the enclosed statement.

Statement

State-wise details of Authorisations issued to Nationalised Banks during the period 1-4-1995 to 31-1-1997 for ppening branches in rural areas and which are yet to be opened

BANK .	CENTRE	DISTRICT	STATE
Union Bank of India	Poranki	Krishna	A.P.
Indian Bank	Nagayalanka	Krishna	A.P.
Central Bank of India	Baraharia	Siwan	Bihar
Central Bank of India	Khajura	Gopalgunj	Bihar
Corporation Bank	Badalia	kutch	Gujrat
Corporation Bank	Madopur	Kutch	Gujrat
Syndicate Bank	Manesar	Gurgaon	Haryana
Oriental Bank of Commerce	Madlauda	Panipat	Haryana
Bank of Baroda	Village Dosarka	Ambala	Haryana
Oriental Bank of Commerce	Manesar	Gurgaon	Haryana
Punjab National Bank	Dobhi	Kulu	Himachal Pr.
Punjab National Bank	Bangana	Una	Himachal Pr.
Punjab National Bank	Gagret	Una	Himachal Pr.
Punjab National Bank	Amu	Una	Himachal Pr.